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SUBJECT: NIKE SUPPORT

REF: USNATO 5609

1. CONCUR IN RECOMMENDATIONS RE ITEM XXIII.

2. RE IEM XXIV. REASSMENT OF NIKE HERCULES PROGRAM  
IS UNDERWAY, AS PART OF AN ONGOING STUDY OF ALL MILITARY  
BASES AND OPERATIONS DIRECTED BY THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
TO BRING ABOUT MORE EFFICIENCY AND TO REDUCE COSTS  
THROUGHOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. ONE POSSIBLE RESULT  
IS INACTIVATION OF SOME OF THE US ARMY AIR DEFENSE UNITS  
IN CONUS. DETAILED PLANNING IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED  
IN JANUARY 1974. VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES AS TO TIMING AND  
NUMBER OF UNITS INVOLVED ARE BEING CONSIDERED. HOWEVER,  
US NIKE HERCULES UNITS DEPLOYED OVERSEAS WILL CONTINUE  
IN OPERATION, AND NO CHANGE IS CONTEMPLATED IN US PLANS  
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TO CONTINUE SUPPORT OF REMAINING U.S. AND ALLIED SYSTEMS.

IF A DECISION IS MADE TO PROCEED WITH INACTIVATIONS IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME EQUIPMENT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO UPGRADE SYSTEMS IN THE HANDS OF OUR INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMERS.

3. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT WE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO

BRIEF NAMSA AND MEMBER COUNTRIES ON DETAILS AS SOON AS FINAL DECISIONS REFERRED TO IN PARA. 2 ABOVE ARE MADE, POSSIBLY IN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY 1974. RECOMMEND NO CHANGES BE MADE TO NAMSA SUPPORT PROGRAM UNTIL US PLANS FOR FUTURE SUPPORT OF NIKE HERCULES ARE COMPLETED. KISSINGER

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